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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated January 21, 2004, the period for response to which is set to expire on February 21, 2004.

The examiner alleges in the office action that the application lacks unity under PCT Rule 13.1 and/or 13.2 because there is no special technical feature to unify all of the claims. Accordingly the examiner requires applicant to make an election between the invention of group I (i.e., claims 1 and 5-12 drawn to an oral vaccine) and the invention of group II (i.e., claims 13-39 drawn to a method for vaccinating against diarrhea and a method of preventing an enteric infection).

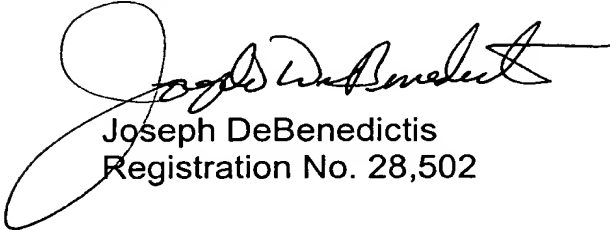
Applicant hereby elects the invention of group I (i.e., claims 1 and 5-12 drawn to an oral vaccine) without traverse. However, it is to be noted that the examiner will rejoin the nonelected claims if the examiner determines that the product claims are allowable and the corresponding method claims include all of the limitations of the allowed product claims.

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In view of the above election, it is believed that the application is now ready for examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 30, 2004

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